

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank Examiner Bennett for the courteous and helpful interview on June 2, 2005. At that interview, as confirmed in the Examiner Initiated Interview Summary, it was agreed that the independent claims would be amended to include the limitation that the treatment gas is "either exhaled through the mouth or nostrils." To that end, all independent claims have been amended by added the limitation that "the infused therapeutic gas passes out of the nasal cavity through the nose or mouth." It is believed that this language meets the Examiner's intent while being more consistent with what occurs since the person is not actually "exhaling" the infused gas since it never enters the lungs. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Application be passed to issue at an early date.

CONCLUSION

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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